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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Chairman Michael F. Duffy announced today the appointment of Robert J. Lesnick as the Commission's Chief Administrative Law Judge. The appointment will be effective on August 24, 2003.

Judge Lesnick previously served as an ALJ in the Department of Labor's Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania offices since 1999. From 1994 to 1999, he served as an ALJ for the Social Security Administration, the last three years as the Chief Judge of SSA's Pittsburgh's office.

Beginning his Federal service in 1979 with the Department of Labor's Solicitor's Office, Judge Lesnick represented the Department on various issues including mine safety and health matters. From 1990-1994 he was an attorney in the office of Thrift Supervision.

Judge Lesnick received his J.D. degree from the University of Virginia's School of Law and is a graduate of Saint Vincent College with a B.A. in Economics.

Judge Lesnick succeeds David F. Barbour who has served as Chief Judge since January 2000 and will continue with the Commission's ALJ corps.

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